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We think the Buccaneers are great, but then again we've got...

Bias



The Angel of Rebound—Buccaneer center and national rebounding leader Rodney "Pokey" Bias sails skyward

By Tom Canterbury

The Shelton State Buccaneer basketball team is in the midst of its most successful season in its history. With one game left in the regular season the team has posted a 25-3 mark, has clinched the regular-season conference title and number 1 seed in the state tournament and has the nation's leading rebounder in Rodney Bias.

"We set our goals high at the beginning of the season," head coach Barry Mohun said. "Our team has only three sophomores, so our freshmen have really stepped up and made plays all year."

Bias, who is one of those sophomores, is not only the statistical leader on the team, but is also the emotional leader as well.

"Pokey is extremely important to the team statistic-wise, but even more so

he is the motivator on the team. The other players see how hard he plays all the time and it serves as a motivator," Mohun said.

"Rodney is a leader on the team, but he will be the first to tell you that the Bucs are not a one man team," Shelton Coordinator of Athletics Susan Mohun said. And he was. When asked if Shelton was a one-man team, Bias replied emphatically "No! We've got way too many weapons for that."

Bias finished high school in Livingston in 1997 but was a few credits short of eligibility. He had to stay home and straighten out his academic situation to be eligible to play. Many coaches gave up on him, but the Mohuns did not. Coach Mohun would periodically check up on him and even brought him to the campus several times. Bias was anxious to play during his time off, but he knew where his priorities were.

"Jeff State offered me a scholarship, but that was too far away for my family to come to the games," Bias said. "Plus I wanted to play for Coach Mohun."

Bias leads the nation in rebounds per game with an 18.2 average and averages 20.7 points per game, good enough for fourth in the state. These stats, along with his 6' 10", 225-pound frame are not the only reasons Bias is being heavily recruited by many major universities including Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama and Louisville.

"Rodney is a hard worker on the court and in the classroom, pleasant to be around and is as close to being a coach on the floor as you can get," Susan Mohun said. "These recruiters are noticing that."

Bias has not made any decisions about where he will continue his playing career and will take all of his official visits after the season.

Bias, along with Ulysses "Spanky" Jenkins and Derrick "Smooth" Wright were honored on Sophomore night on Saturday Feb. 24 as the Bucs faced Beville-Fayette.

"Sophomore night is real special," Bias said before the game. "It's the last time wearing that Bucs jersey in front of

Heinrich named new academic dean

By Suzanne Allen

Dr. Mark A. Heinrich from Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn. is Shelton's new Dean of Instruction.

This position is considered not only the academic dean, but also the technical dean. "We wanted to consolidate that position into one with technical and academic," Student Dean Humphrey Lee explained.

The Shelton State Selection Committee, consisting of seven members, was responsible for sorting through more than 30 applications and three interviews for the hiring process for the new Dean of Instruction.

Dean of Financial Services

"We were looking for someone with a high level of energy, who fits in with the team, high character, experience in developing Internet courses, and who has a wide variety of experiences in leading instructional programs," added President Rogers."

Karen Van Luvender, chairperson for this committee, said, "We were looking for someone to help Shelton State achieve the ranking as one of the top 25 junior colleges in the nation."

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Heinrich describes his new position as providing leadership to the academic program, while working with the president to facilitate and

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My family tells a tale of the Intimidator

By Jenifer Wallace

When Dale Earnhardt died the other day, I felt just like millions of others across the nation: shocked. I am only a casual race fan now, but as a native of Talladega born on race day I've been encouraged to follow the sport, so I knew about Earnhardt. And I think I know what he means to the fans.

To millions of fans, Earnhardt was the Intimidator, but to the ones who knew him he was, well, an Intimidator with a heart. My dad knew him a little bit and my uncle knew him pretty well. This is the story they tell:

John Ray from Eastaboga, Ala., a former race-car driver, was a dear friend of Dale Earnhardt's. In 1976, John Ray gave Earnhardt a car to race in Atlanta. Earnhardt wrecked the car. He had no way to pay Ray back. I guess you could say he

owed him one.

In 1988, Ray returned to racing as an owner. At the Arca Race in Talladega my uncle, James Cline, was driving for Ray. Ray had leased the race-car, and Earnhardt gave the motor to Ray. Earnhardt often helped Ray, since he had once helped him.

My uncle wrecked on the backstretch of the Talladega Super Speedway, but no major damage was done. Taking precautions, he climbed out of the car and went to the infield care center in an ambulance.

Uncle James was sitting in the garage while about 20 people interviewed him. My dad, Tommy Wallace, stood back and listened. Earnhardt walked over to my dad and asked if Cline was his crazy brother-in-law. My father proudly said yes. Earnhardt approached my uncle and said, "James, what's wrong?"

He replied, "Nothing."

Earnhardt said, "Well, why didn't you keep going? The car will still run, won't it?"

Uncle James said, "Well, they told me in the drivers' meeting this morning that if the car comes to a complete stop I must get out and go to the care center."

Earnhardt said, "They've told me that for the past 20 years. But if the car will run, bring it in, get some tires and get back out there!"

My uncle didn't race in the big time very much after that. I guess you could even say he got a little intimidated by the Intimidator. He continued to admire Earnhardt, though. Uncle James said after Earnhardt's death: "He came to the top pretty much on his own. He had a few breaks, but not many. I knew right off he was a natural born race-car driver."

Off the Shelf...

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

By Glen Johnson

Winter Solstice, Rosamunde Pilcher's latest book, finds the heroine, Elfrida Phipps, leaving London for a small country village. Happily, she moves in to her wee cottage with the companionship of her dog, Horace, and the friendship of her new neighbors. Life is perfect. But, as they say, such is not really the case.

Yellow fever of a different sort: *Daughter of Fortune* by Isabel Allende (trans. By Margaret Peden) starts up in the British outpost of Valparaiso, Chili in the late

1840s. Suddenly gold is discovered in California in 1849 and Chileans of all sorts are racing to San Francisco and the north California gold fields with predictable results as the gold fever takes its toll.

Janet Evanovich turns the heat up even higher for her bounty hunter Stephanie Plum who, in *Hot Six*, is forced to join forces with cop Vince Morelli to try to track down a psycho-killer that will leave the reader awake at night trying to remember if they locked their front door. Adding to Stephanie's problem are her dog with an eating disorder and her grandmother who's taken to cleaning Steph's apartment at odd moments. Almost forgot, the maniac killer has also selected Stephanie as his next victim.

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"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



The Moon

The end of February and the first few weeks of March will be an excellent time to follow the Moon through its phases!

Phase	Date
New Moon	Feb. 23
First Quarter	March 2
Full Moon	March 9
Last Quarter	March 16

It takes the Moon approximately 29 1/2 days to

start at one phase and get back to that same phase as it revolves around the Earth.

The ancient Babylonian astronomers noted that the Moon went through all of its phases exactly 12 times during a year and divided the year into twelve months that we still use today!

They also give us the year as a time keeping device,

for they noted that certain constellations appear back in the same place in the sky at intervals of 365 days!

So keep looking up and enjoy our cool, clear nights as you watch the Moon move along the ecliptic from phase to phase!

You will clearly be communicating with the ancient Babylonian astronomers!

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urged to participate with submissions of written and artistic material.

The college seeks to fulfill the statement for academic freedom in working with the students in the production of this paper:

"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

All publications are subject to review by the Publications Action Group, which has been delegated the responsibility to review all college publications for content and accuracy.

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the home crowd, so we got to give it everything we've got."

And the Bucs did just that, overwhelming the visiting Bears 99-79. The Bucs jumped out to a commanding 23-5 lead. Bevill would not go down without a fight however. On the strength of outstanding 3-point shooting, they clawed their way back into the game, tying the game at 40 just before half-time.

After the half, Shelton went on a 13-0 run, and this time Bevill had no answer. They never got back within 10, as the Bucs won in comfortable fashion. Bias finished the game with 17 points and an impressive 30 rebounds.

In other festivities before the game, the gymnasium was officially dedicated as the Umphrey Center, named after Dr. Tom Umphrey who served as president of Shelton before his retirement in August of 2000.

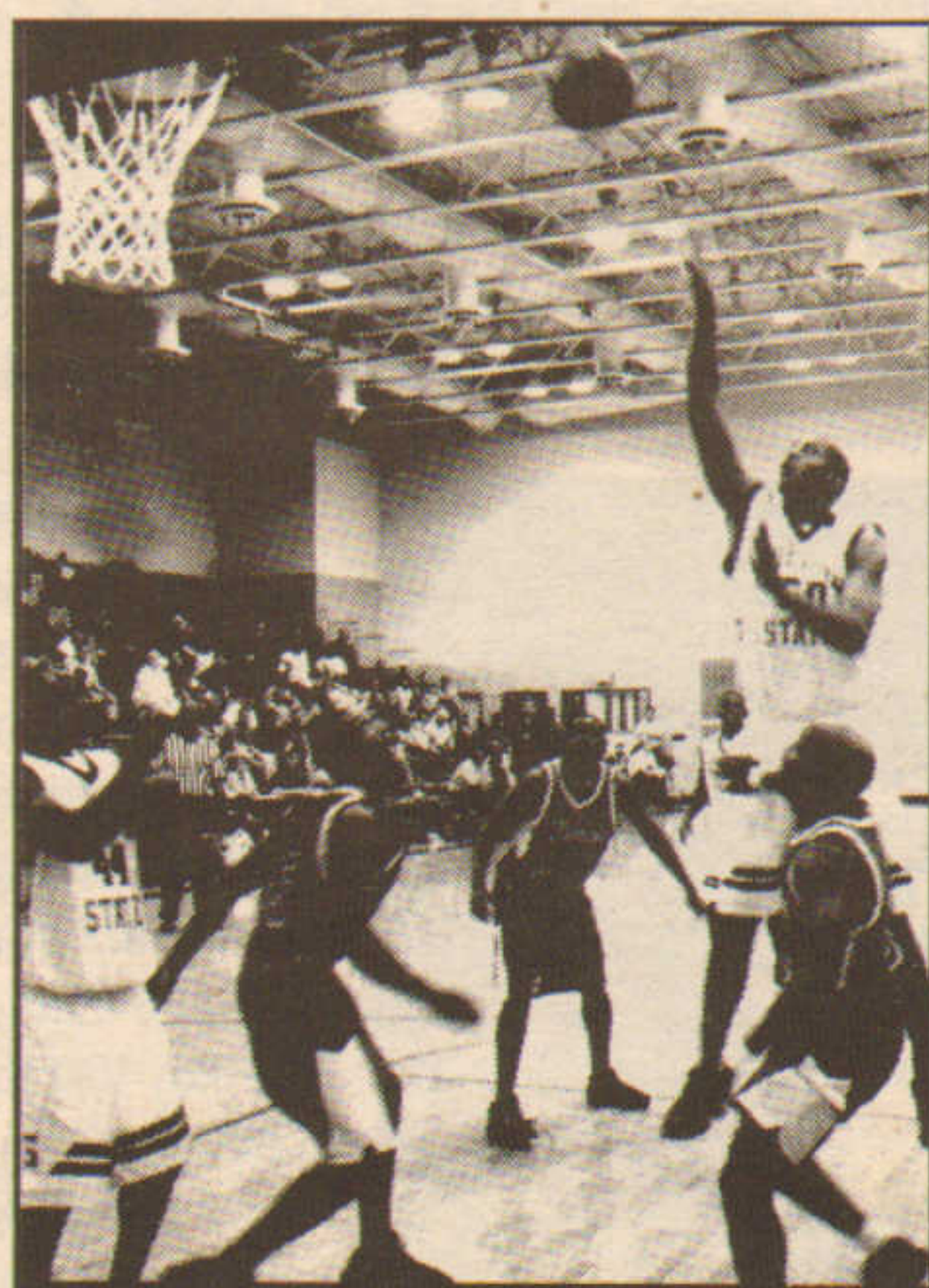
Shelton finishes the season at Lawson State in Birmingham on Monday Feb. 26 before beginning state tournament play. This year's tournament will be held in Bay Minnette March 5-7.

The Bucs must be careful not to be overconfident going into the tournament.

Coach Mohun does not seem to think that will be a problem for this team.

"We'll approach the tournament the same way we approached the season," Coach Mohun said. "We'll take it one game at a time and not look ahead."

"If we play Buccaneer basketball then we shouldn't get beat," Bias said, expressing his confidence not only in himself, but in his teammates as well.



Pokey's Not Alone—Many Buccaneers have played great this year. Here Antron Moore shows one of his moves to the hoop

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improve the development of the college. President Rogers added to the duties by including Heinrich's supervision over all the instructional programs including both technical and management.

Heinrich was drawn to Shelton because he embraced the college's philosophy of technical management and quality training. He says, "The direction Shelton has been going is parallel to where I have been trying to go." Also, Shelton and Heinrich share the same realization that a community college is "the people's college" in the truest sense.

"My initiatives for Shelton is to get to know the faculty and staff... and to use all of Shelton's resources to the greatest extent and finding out what we have," Heinrich said. Heinrich continued by listing his step-by-step plan for improving and increasing the development of Shelton: 1. Have a specific strategic plan. 2. Help Shelton distinguish itself nationally. 3. Improve our relationship with accrediting agencies. 4. Create more web-based courses. 5. Increase dual enrollment, so high school students can get ahead on their college schooling.

As far as students are concerned,

Heinrich would like to start by meeting with students on a regular basis to discuss problems or concerns. "You have to have the students' input... The receiver of the services is who knows best," he says. Also, he hopes to improve the availability of classes for students by having a more precise anticipation of enrollment. Heinrich said, "When you have a growth and demand, you have to plan for all of the students."

As a graduate of the University of Alabama, Heinrich is excited about his move to Tuscaloosa, and his occupational move to Shelton. "I am honored to become a member of this team—including faculty, staff, and students," he said. However, his colleagues and staff at Carson-Newman will miss him very much. "He's a great man and a great teacher, and ya'll are lucky to get him," Linda Hill, Heinrich's secretary at Carson-Newman said.

Heinrich will officially start working as Dean of Instruction on April 2. His office will be located on the third floor, Room 3606.

Dean Lee advises Heinrich to "give himself a chance to know us and for us to know him." Also, President Rogers closes with a small warning to the new dean by saying, "Get ready to work harder than you have ever worked in your life."



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Sports

—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—



Lady Bucs basketball season reminiscent of last year's

By Tom Canterbury

Would it be fair to compare this year's Lady Buc basketball team to last year's team that won the state championship and advanced to the national final four? Head coach Madonna Thompson says, "Yes!"

"We're definitely peaking at the end like last year," Thompson said. Last year's team had a mediocre record half-way through the year, and so did this year's.

Last year's team exploded at the end of the year with a long winning streak, and with two games left in the regular season, this year's team has put together a seven game winning streak, improving their record to 17-10.

"I think the point when we really turned it around was the

Wallace-Selma game [Feb. 8]," Thompson said. "Natisha Hardrick made a 3-point play in

the way I thought we could have earlier in the year."

After hovering at or below

Southern Union, Wallace-Hanceville, at Calhoun State, at Alabama Southern, and Beville State.

"We played three of the best four teams in the state and beat them all," Thompson said.

The Lady Bucs are now beating teams like Calhoun and Wallace-Hanceville that they lost to earlier in the year.

"I have seen so much improvement, especially on defense," Thompson said. "They are so much more intense on defense now and they are creating offense with their defense."

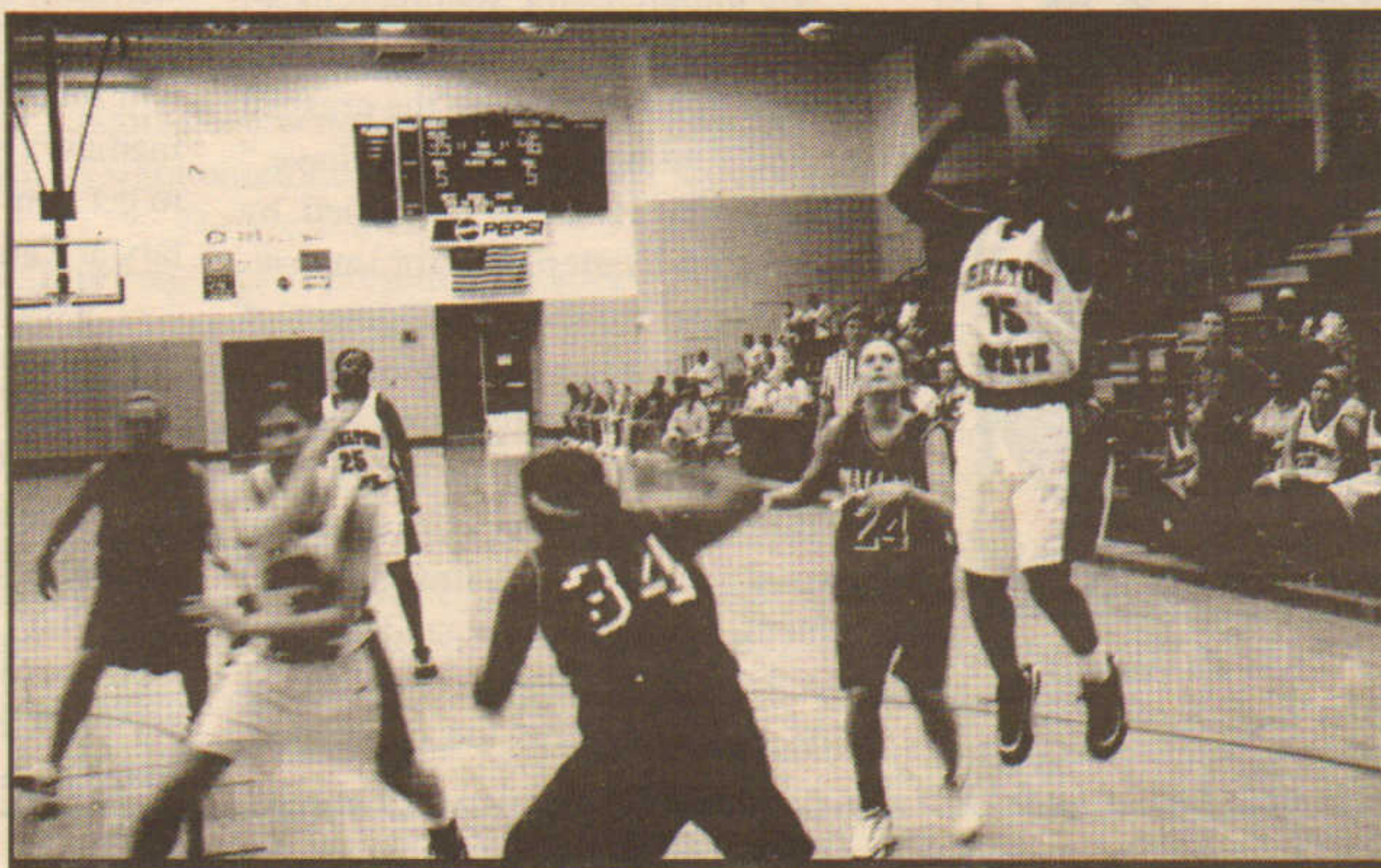
Thompson cited Bridgette Waters as an example of the team's improvement.

"She has steadily improved every day since she got here, never slacks at practice or in a game and during our streak has scored in double-digits almost every game."

Waters was one of six sophomores honored on Sophomore Night before the Beville State game Saturday Feb. 24. Also honored were Erica Edwards, Donna Merriweather, Catherine Manolakis, Natisha Hardrick and Summer King.

Thompson is optimistic about Shelton's chances at the state tournament which will be held in Muscle Shoals March 8-11. "Right now we're a solid three seed, which means we won't have to play Shoals, who we beat for the title last year, until the finals."

The Lady Bucs play their final home game Thursday, March 1 at 5:30 p.m. against Lurleen B. Wallace.



Natisha Hardrick # 15 takes a shot at improving Shelton's record

the last seconds and we won by 1. Since then we've really been excited to play ball and we've played

the .500 mark for much of the season, the Lady Bucs have won seven in a row, including victories over

Softball christens new field with sweep

By Tom Canterbury

The Shelton State fast-pitch softball team began play on their new field Sunday Feb. 18, sweeping an out-matched Chattahoochee Valley Community College in a double-header by scores of 12-3 and 8-3.

"It's a good start for our team," head coach Dixie Terry said.

In the first game, Selina Rester pitched a complete game, giving up only 3 runs and 5 hits while striking out 1. At the plate, Rester knocked in 3 runs with a double that was part of a 9-run second inning that blew the game wide open. Ashley McKnight also had 3 RBI in game one, including a home run.

The game was a little closer in game two. After Amy Carroll

opened the scoring for Shelton in the first inning with a 2-run homer, the Lady Bucs did not score again for three innings, and were down 3-2 going into the bottom of the fifth. Amy Lumpkins got an RBI single that inning which sparked back-to-back 3-run innings, giving Shelton the victory.

The team then visited Northwest-Shoals on Feb. 21, splitting a double-header 0-6 and 6-5.

The first game was much closer than the score would imply. With no score in the fifth inning and Shoals batting, a thrown ball which was to be the third out hit a bat lying on the ground, allowing the first runs to score and starting a 6-run inning. Starting pitcher Cassandra Martin (1-1) took the loss.

In game two, Amy

Lumpkins and Amy Carroll both had two RBI, leading the team to a close victory, holding off a late rally. Selina Rester (2-0) pitched a complete game for the win. "Sheena King has played outstanding at catcher this game and all season long," Terry said.

Terry is optimistic about the up-coming season. "I've got a great bunch of girls," she said. "As long as they give me all they got, we'll be successful."

Shelton travels to Central Alabama on Feb. 27, then returns home, hosting Alabama Southern and Jeff Davis on Thursday March 1 and Saturday March 3. The team then travels to Meridian on March 5. On March 8, Shelton begins a four-game home-stand with games that Thursday, Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. All games start at 1 p.m.

Baseball begins home season facing Wallace

By Tom Canterbury

Head coach Bobby Sprowl and the Shelton State baseball team will return from a week-long road stand in Florida to play in their first home game Tuesday, Feb. 27. The Buccaneers will host Wallace-Hanceville at 1 p.m.

The Bucs will be trying to build on their successful season last year when they won the regular season Region XXII championship.

The team is led by returning all conference players Griff Israel (outfield), Jason McCollister (pitcher) and Jared Walker (third base). Israel has signed to continue his playing career after Shelton at Southern

Miss. Walker has also already been awarded a baseball scholarship to Birmingham Southern. Another current Buc, Brandon Autry, has been awarded a scholarship to West Alabama.

Shelton is ranked 16th in the national preseason poll, and a strong showing early will do nothing but improve that ranking.

Shelton will host Jeff Davis on Saturday March 3 at 1 p.m. They will then visit Meridian on March 4 and Jeff Davis on March 6. The team then returns home for a double-header against Crowder College at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7. That weekend Shelton plays on both Saturday at 1 and Sunday at 2, facing Beville-Fayette and then Jeff State. On March 13, the team travels to Gadsden.

Golf team starts spring season with strong showing

By Tom Canterbury

The Shelton State golf team kicked off their season and another run at a national title in Melbourne, Fla., with the Titan Intercollegiate Tournament Feb. 4-6. The team finished fourth in a field that consisted of all four-year schools except for one other two-year school.

"The guys played pretty well," head coach Matt Terry said. "Their attitudes were great and the team is beginning to gel."

The Bucs shot a total score of 918 for the three round event which was played at Suntree Country Club. Shelton finished behind Florida Gulf Coast University who won, host school Brevard University who placed second and third place team Northwood (Miami).

Pope Spruiell was low man for Shelton. His combined score of 226 was good enough for a tenth place finish in the individual competition.

With the weather warming up for more practice time and with four tourna-

ments in March, Terry, who is known to be fiery at times, expects big things from his team.

"When the grass gets green, then we'll play like we can," Terry said. "If we keep improving, hopefully we can make a run at another national championship."

Coach Terry also sees team unity as a key element to a championship caliber team.

"Even though golf is an individual sport, you have to play as a team. Each shot you hit is not just for you, it's for all your teammates too," Terry said. "We always look for team awards first and individual awards second."

Shelton plays host to the Hubert Green Invitational at the Hombre Golf Club in Panama City March 4-6. This begins a busy month for the team as they play in a total of four tournaments.

"We'll definitely know more by the end of March," Terry said. "They're growing up good right now."

Scholar's Bowl wins again

The Shelton State Scholar's Bowl team won the second qualifying competition of the year held in Jasper. The top eight teams in the state as determined by qualifying competitions advance to the state tournament. Shelton won the tournament with a 9-2 record.

They also won the first qualifier earlier in the year. The state tournament will be held in Montevallo in April. Teams members are Jared Lane (captain), Paul Pedram, Tesh Diggins and John Hayes. Team coach is Diane Layton.

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Atrium filled with four-year colleges

By Courtney Schwartenburg

For Shelton students, this is the time of the year to start thinking about where they are going to spend the rest of their college experience. On Feb. 21, many college representatives from Alabama and Mississippi came to the Shelton campus to explain what you need to accomplish in order to transfer to their colleges.

Corrie Harris from the Mississippi State campus said, "The first thing you need to do when deciding where you are going to go would be to explore all of your options and don't put all of your eggs in one basket. Then look to see if the college you are looking at has anything you are interested in."

Most colleges, including the University of Alabama, Mississippi State University, and the University of Alabama at Huntsville, require students to have a GPA of 2.0 at Shelton State in order to transfer.

Auburn University at Montgomery doesn't have a certain GPA that is required, al-

though if students have below a 2.0 they will be placed in the provisional section of the school which means they will be on probation and will deal with separate advisors. The purpose of these advisors will be so that the students will have a "one on one" relationship with their advisors, said representative Ronnie McKinnley.

Auburn University, however, requires all transfer students to have a GPA of 2.5 with their entire core done and also have to have Math 112 or its equivalent, which is Algebra and Trigonometry.

The main thing is that every college representation said students should get their applications in as early as possible. This way students are able to apply for scholarships and financial aid early on and are able to get these before they run out.

The easiest way to get an application would be to download one of the college's on-line address. Students can also call the university, so they can mail students the application. Students can then fill out and return it.

Most colleges also require students to send in an application. Most colleges also require students to send an application fee of \$25. When sending applications, students also need to get their transcripts sent along. The admissions office at Shelton will send these to the college you choose.

At the college fair event, the atrium was filled with representatives of four-year institutions. These institutions included Samford University in Birmingham, Athens University, University of Montevallo, Talladega College, Stillman College, University of North Alabama, Auburn University, The University of West Alabama, Auburn University in Montgomery, Alabama State University, Troy State University, The University of Alabama, Judson College, Wallace State, Tuskegee University, Alabama A&M, Birmingham Southern College, University of Alabama in Huntsville, Jacksonville State University, Mississippi State University, and Concordia College in Selma.

Shelton Singers slate sacred singing

The Shelton Singers annually present a concert of sacred music in a variety of styles and from many different musical periods. This year there will be three opportunities for the general public to hear this concert at no charge.

On Wednesday, March 7, the Singers will sing at noon at First United Methodist Church downtown as part of a Lenten Concert Series. The concerts are designed for working people who can take an hour off for lunch and enjoy the music as well the lunch to follow.

Sunday afternoon, March 11, the Singers will present their largest sacred concert at 2 p.m. at Covenant Presbyterian Church on Hargrove Road. Not only will the Singers give their complete concert, but they will be joined by brass players, percussionists and vocal soloists.

On Tuesday, March 13, the Singers will be featured on the weekly Terrific Tuesday Concert Series here at Shelton. They will sing in the Alabama Power Recital Hall at 1 p.m.

The Singers are an award-winning 40-voice concert choir directed by Glinda Blackshear. Dr.

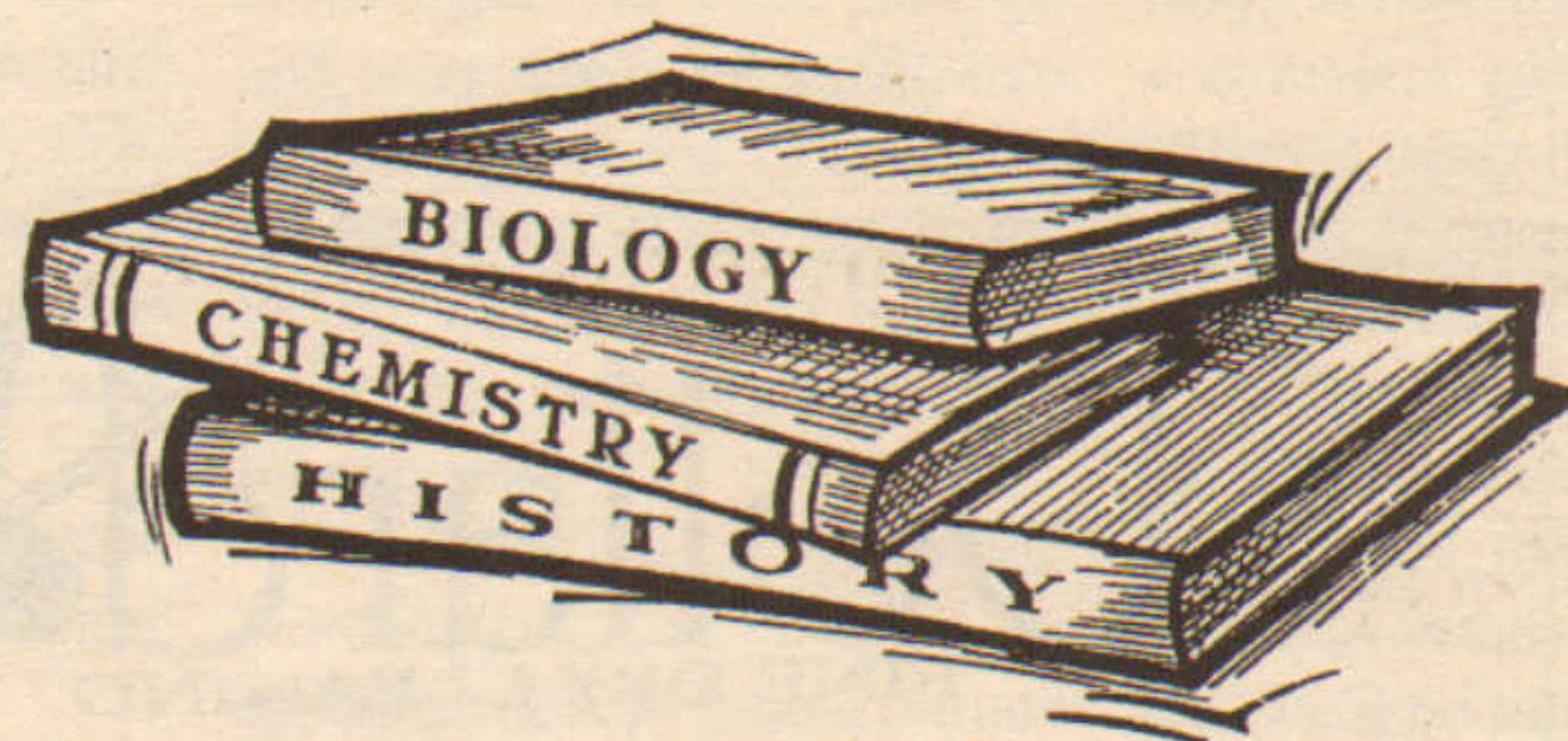
Mark Brown serves as assistant director and percussionist, Dr. Mark Brown serves as assistant director and percussionist, Dr. Nicky Wilson is the accompanist, and Pat Richetto is the assistant accompanist.

The sacred concert will include choral music by Hassler, Bach, and Mozart, as well as works by living composers such as Leavitt and Rutter. The various musical styles represented include motets, movements from the Mass, chorales, anthems, and spirituals.

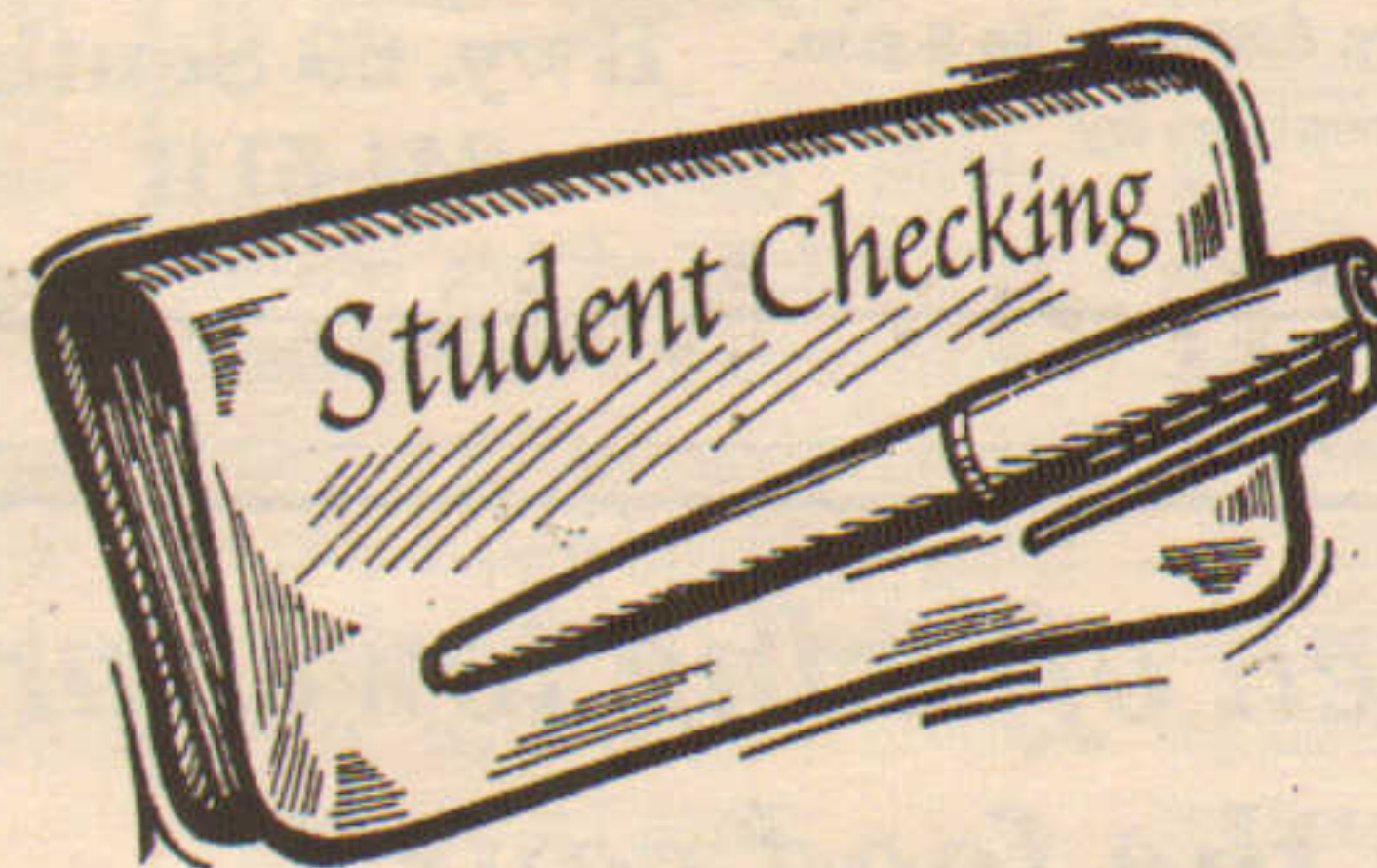
"Many of Shelton Singers are active in church music and hope to assume leadership roles in the future. It is invaluable experience for them to explore the various styles of music used in worship both in the past and the present," said Blackshear.

Though Shelton Singers offer feature religious music Blackshear says it for a good reason, "Religion has inspired most great music in western civilization."

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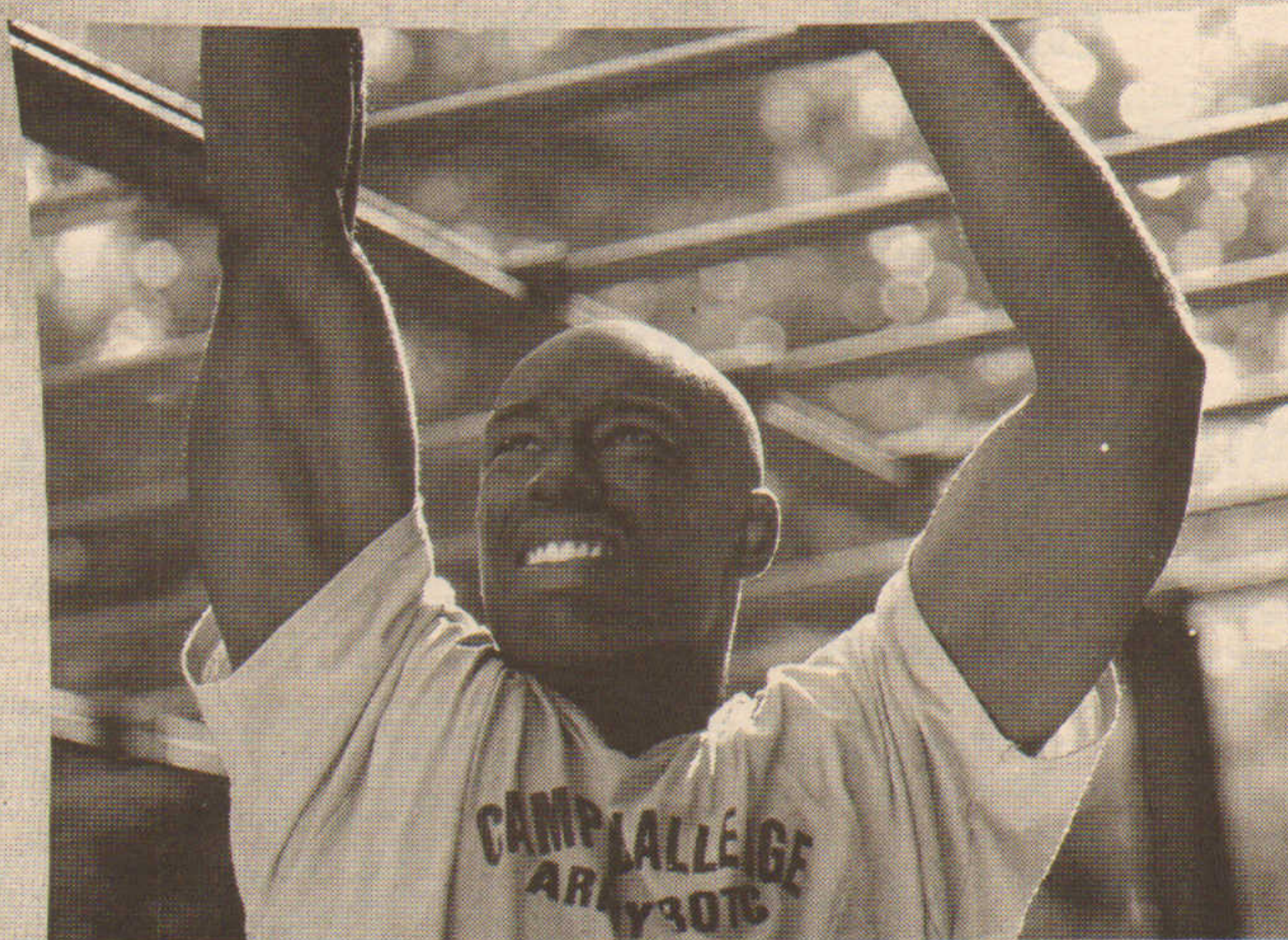
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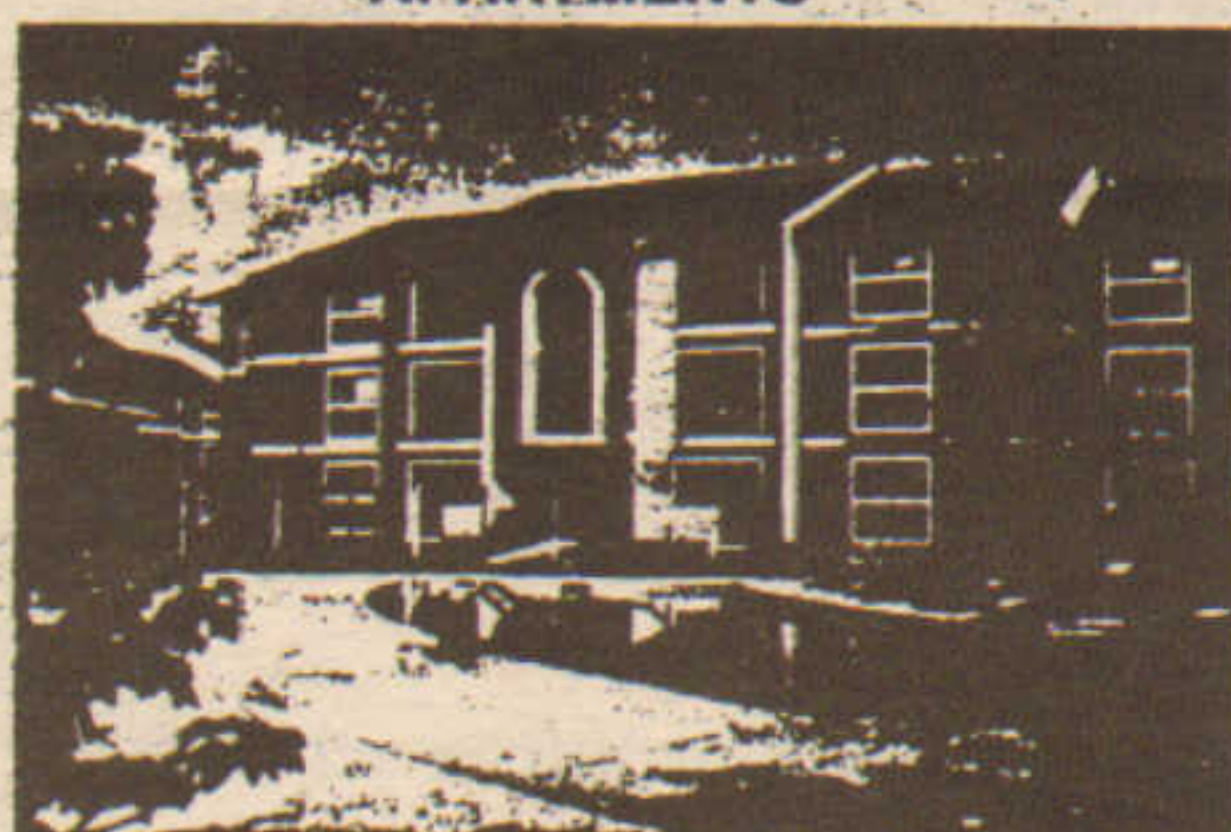
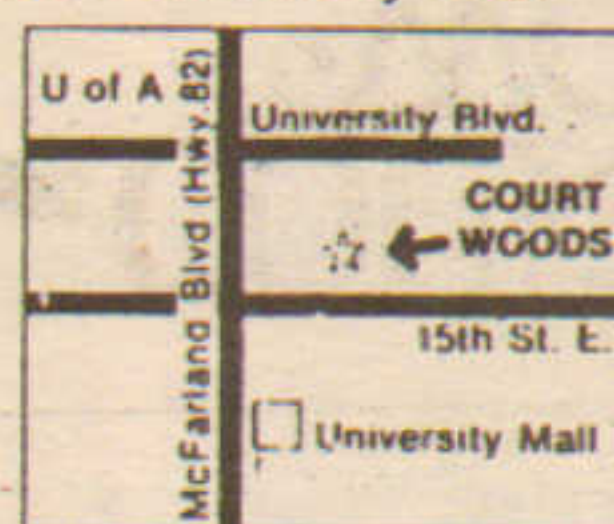
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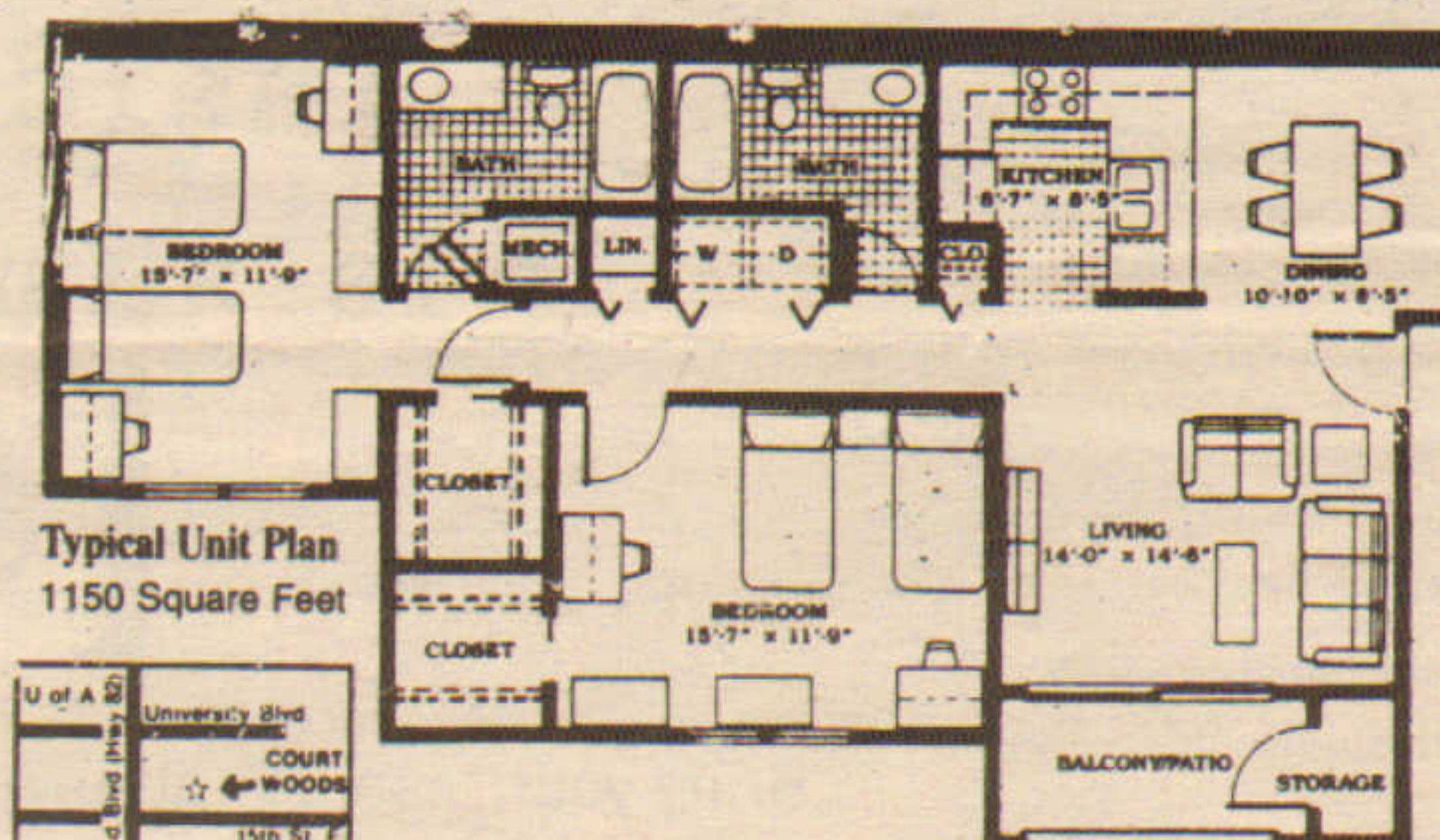


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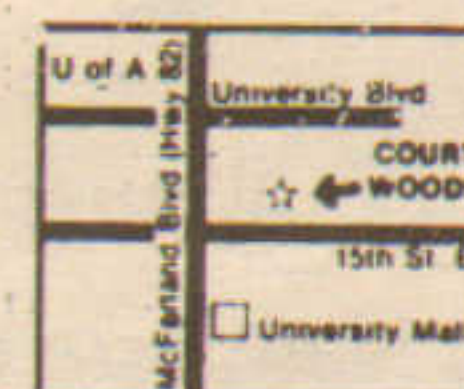
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